

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING H.R. 7910 AND H.R. 2377

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today is day 159 of 2022. There have already been over 200 mass shootings this year.

Madam Speaker, we cannot let this be our new reality. Thoughts and prayers are no longer enough. We must act, and we must do it now.

This week, we must pass H.R. 7910, the Protecting Our Kids Act, and H.R. 2377, the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2022.

The Protecting Our Kids Act includes provisions that would raise the lawful age to purchase an assault-style weapon from 18 to 21, impose new restrictions on large capacity magazines, strengthen safe storage requirements, and crack down on the sale and distribution of unlicensed guns.

The Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2022 encourages states to improve and implement extreme risk laws, which would help keep guns out of the hands of those who are likely to pose an increased threat to themselves or to others.

Madam Speaker, these are small—but necessary—first steps. I would urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these bills, and to commit themselves to doing all they can to address the issue of gun violence.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Granite Construction Company on its centennial anniversary and honor the lasting contributions of founder, Walter J. Wilkinson. Granite Construction Company is a leader in the construction industry, paving the way for innovation and progress. The company's Founder Walter J. Wilkinson was a man of integrity, perseverance, and dedication. He not only lived by these principles, but also instilled them in the culture and work of the Granite Construction Company; these quality ethics and values remain today.

After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in engineering, Mr. Wilkinson began his career as an engineer for the Lakeport Ice Company. In 1901, at the age of 20, he joined the Granite Rock Company and would eventually lead the construction division as superintendent. When Granite Construction Company was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Gran-

ite Rock in 1922, Mr. Wilkinson was chosen as Vice President and Arthur R. Wilson as President.

In 1936, the Wilson family sold their shares of Granite Construction to Mr. Wilkinson, who then became President. In those early years of the Great Depression, Mr. Wilkinson and his wife, Carrie B. Earle, struggled to keep the company afloat, making personal sacrifices, including mortgaging all that they owned to help sustain the business. This perseverance and personal commitment left a lasting imprint on the company.

With the advent of World War II, the business turned around and the company began to reach unprecedented levels of growth. Projects such as the \$400,000 contract to build Camp Ord, now known as Fort Ord, in 1940 allowed Granite Construction to not only produce a profit, but also become a leader in the construction industry. In 1942, Mr. Wilkinson retired from active service with the company, and Bert Scott took over as President. Mr. Wilkinson sold his shares to his two sons, Walter Junior and Jack.

A scrupulous but fair businessman, Mr. Wilkinson adhered diligently to the code of conduct he established for the company, prioritizing integrity, hard work, and determination in his professional and personal life. His colleagues called him a "visionary" as he successfully steered Granite Construction Company through rocky times to recovery.

Outside of his professional work, Mr. Wilkinson was devoted to serving his community. He kept a daily diary, written in impeccable penmanship, chronicling his life and the founding of Granite Construction. He was a skilled orator, storyteller, and speech writer. Active in civic organizations, Mr. Wilkinson was a charter member of the Watsonville Exchange Club and President of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Rotary Club. Moreover, as President and Founding Member of the Association of General Contractors of Northern California, Mr. Wilkinson was instrumental in establishing the Association's first bylaws.

Walter J. Wilkinson conducted himself in a manner deserving of respect. With loyalty, dedication, and perseverance, he laid the foundation for a company able to weather the toughest of storms. The success of Granite Construction as the beacon of progress in today's construction industry is a tribute to him. Congratulations to Granite Construction Company on their centennial celebration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING DANIEL KANDALAFT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter to share additional information I recently learned about con-

cerning the Drug Enforcement Agency's encounter with Daniel Kandalaft on or about January 24, 2016 at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, France. At a July 8, 2017 Foreign Affairs Committee hearing entitled, "Attacking Hezbollah's Financial Network: Policy Options," a witness referenced that Mr. Kandalaft was arrested by the DEA. As this recent letter from the Drug Enforcement Agency describes, the "DEA does not have the authority to perform arrests or detentions in foreign countries."

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS,

Springfield, VA, April 18, 2022.

Hon. STEVE COHEN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COHEN: This responds to your letter to Administrator Anne Milgram, dated October 8, 2021, regarding a potential Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) encounter with Daniel Kandalaft on or about January 24, 2016, at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, France. We appreciate the opportunity to address your inquiry, and we apologize for our delay in responding to your letter.

DEA is aware that Mr. Kandalaft was detained by French Authorities on January 24, 2016, at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, France. DEA does not have the authority to perform arrests or detentions in foreign countries. For further information, we recommend reaching out directly to the French Authorities who have oversight of these actions. We apologize that we are unable to provide more information.

Sincerely,
JASON M. THURMAN,
Chief, Congressional Affairs Section.

HONORING NANCY CASSIDY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nancy Cassidy, who is being honored for her retirement from the Department of Safety after more than twenty-two years of service. Throughout her time as a government employee, Nancy has worked in a wide range of departments and roles. Nancy has served the state of New Hampshire with distinction and is revered by her peers for her expertise.

Prior to her time in the Commissioner's Office, Nancy worked in the Bureau of Financial Responsibility with the Division of Motor Vehicles. She quickly moved up in the ranks and was promoted to Executive Secretary in the Forensic Lab for the Division of State Police, where she worked closely with state agencies, local officials, and the Attorney General's Office for nearly seven years. After being further promoted to the Commissioner's Office, Nancy continued to work tirelessly for her community.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire, I want to thank Nancy for her continued

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